Program Areas:

Air

615-532-0554

Archaeology

615-741-1588

Energy

615-741-2994

Geology

615-532-1502

Natural Areas

615-532-0431

Policy and Sustainable Practices

615-741-8822

Radiation

615-532-0364

Recreation Services

615-532-0748

Remediation

615-532-0900

Small Business Environmental Assistance

800-734-3619

Solid Waste

615-532-0780

State Parks

615-532-0001

Underground Storage Tanks

615-532-0945

Water

615-532-0191

West Tennessee River Basin Authority

731-968-6608

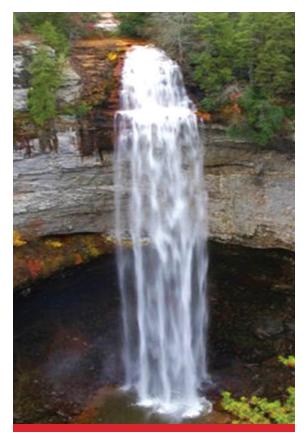
Making Tennessee a better place to live, work, and play





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The modern TDEC was created in 1991. Since then, TDEC has been working to protect the environment and conserve critical natural resources for future generations while also striving to make Tennessee an even better place to live, work, play and raise a family.

About TDEC

TDEC has two primary focuses: the Bureau of Environment and the Bureau of Parks and Conservation.

TDEC has approximately 2,000 employees working across Tennessee supported by a total budget of more than \$300 million with funding from fees for services, state parks revenue, federal sources, and the state general fund.

TDEC is the chief environmental and natural resource regulatory agency in Tennessee that oversees sources of air pollution, radiological health issues, solid and hazardous waste, underground storage tanks, water and groundwater pollution, and water supply.

TDEC provides services through the Central Office in Nashville, 8 environmental field offices, the West Tennessee River Basin Authority in Humboldt, Fleming Training Center in Murfreesboro, the Division of Remediation's Oak Ridge Office, 56 state parks and management and/or oversight of 85 officially designated state natural areas, which encompass more than 240,000 acres across Tennessee.

Environmental Field Offices



TDEC's Mission

The Department exists to enhance the quality of life for citizens of Tennessee and to be stewards of our natural environment by:

- Protecting and improving the quality of Tennessee's land, air, and water
- Protecting and promoting human health and safety
- Conserving and promoting natural, cultural and historic resources
- Providing a variety of quality outdoor recreational experiences.



We do this by:

- Monitoring Tennessee's air, land, and water
- Conserving our cultural and natural resources and protecting our historic places
- Inviting citizens to participate in local environmental decisions
- Providing grants to communities for parks & play- grounds and better management of solid waste, used oil and old tires
- Providing low interest loans to communities to improve public drinking water systems and wastewater treatment systems

By the Numbers

Since 2010, over 3,800 acres of brownfield/voluntary properties have been put back into productive use.

As of 2016, bald eagles are living and nesting in 40 of the 56 Tennessee State Parks.

TDEC's 56 state parks includes 6 inns, 20 parks with cabins, 8 restaurants, 36 campgrounds, 4 marinas, and 9 golf courses on the Tennessee Golf Trail.

TDEC provides support to cities and counties after natural disasters like the 2017 Gatlinburg wildfires by helping restore water supplies, aiding the cleanup and disposal of burned homes and helping business to return to normal.

TDEC has been instrumental in assisting with a 50% decrease of 6 major air pollutants since 2000. Our state now meets all state and federal air quality standards.

TDEC has awarded over \$18 million in grant funding to projects dedicated to improving public health, enhancing the environment, and offering outstanding recreational opportunities.

Since 2014, TDEC's Tennessee State Parks welcome well over 30 million visitors every year.

